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In re Application of :  
Paul J. Thompson :  
Application No. 10/775,961 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
Filed: February 10, 2004 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
Attorney Docket No. 760-229 :  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 3, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

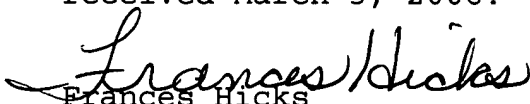
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed June 1, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 2, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 16, 2005.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply, (2) the \$1,500 petition fee, and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action of June 1, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3738 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received March 3, 2006.

  
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